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1. In late February 1951 a unit, whose soldiers wore gold-bordered blue 50X1-HUM epaulets, arrived at Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66) airfield. [REDACTED]

3. On 7 March, PO-2s practiced flying at the field throughout the day. Twin-engine transports with single rudder assemblies, probably stationed at Staaken (N 53/Z 65) airfield, flew over the field several times during the day. They flew in formations of three when the weather was hazy.

4. On 8 March, there was no flying throughout the day although visibility was good. The sky was overcast and there was a strong wind from the north-east. About 30 single-engine ground attack aircraft, six PO-2s, three 50X1-HUM twin-engine, semi-high-wing monoplanes, and two twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes, including one with one cockpit and the other with two cockpits, were parked in front of the hangars. (4) Some hangars were open. The semi-high-wing monoplanes had horizontal white-red-white stripes on the lower half of their rudder assemblies [REDACTED]  
The twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes had the same markings on their rudder assemblies and red propeller hubs. [REDACTED]

The ground attack aircraft had a weapon attached to the cockpit and pointing to the rear. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on their rudder assemblies. Truck [REDACTED] was seen [REDACTED] approaching the field.

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5. On 9 March, there was intensive flying with about 10 to 12 single-engine ground attack aircraft between 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. There was a strong wind from the northeast, good visibility and 10/10 degree cloudiness at an altitude of more than 1,000 meters. Flights in elements of two and in squadron formation were practiced. Several tank trucks and a red fire truck

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were parked at the take-off point at the southern section of the field.

6. On 10 March, flying was continually practiced with twin-engine semi-high-wing monoplanes and low-wing monoplanes between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. with 10/10 overcast, moderate visibility and moderate winds. Take-offs were made on the hard surface runway. Three semi-high-wing monoplanes made local flights until noon. The twin-engine low-wing monoplanes practiced longer flights and returned to the field at about 2 p.m.
7. The radio installation with four masts was unchanged. (5) The AA gun emplacements were still in their previous locations but the guns were covered with tarpaulins on days of observation.
8. On 24 March, two air units and one AA unit were stationed at the field. One of the air units [ ] was equipped with a minimum of 36 single-engine planes and four PO-2s. The commander of the unit Colonel Vladimir Vereshchinski [ ] was the commander of the field. (6) The other air unit practiced flying with twin-engine planes, 17 of which have been counted. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
9. Flying observed between 7 and 15 March included: Single-engine aircraft on 7 March between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There was clear weather. Lunch was served from a field kitchen. Twin-engine aircraft made night flights between 6 p.m. and midnight; flights of single-engine planes and biplanes on 9 March between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; flights of single-engine aircraft and biplanes on 13 March between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and flights of single-engine aircraft on 15 March between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
10. The single-engine aircraft generally flew in formations of nine planes. It was observed that sometimes a single plane flew slightly behind the formation. Colonel Vereshchinski [ ] participated in all practice flights. 50X1-HUM
11. Officers' names [ ] included Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov, (fnu), political officer; Lieutenant Colonel Raskin, (fnu) [ ] and Captain Ozerov, (fnu) [ ] the unit [ ] of [ ] ten twin-engine transports were transferred to Steaken in August 1950. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
12. Five officers arrived from the U.S.S.R. [ ] the new commander had already arrived and was billeted in his house.
13. On 11 March, air force officers of the field, including Colonel Vereshchinski, went to Elstal (N 53/2 65) to attend a meeting. They returned to the field at 11 p.m. The last alert was practiced on 4 February 1951. The officers who had come from the U.S.S.R. were apparently trained because they immediately flew the single-engine aircraft of the personnel they were to replace.
14. In the afternoon of 22 March, formation flying with ground attack aircraft was practiced until about 4 p.m. There were strong winds and occasional showers. The aircraft mostly flew in V-formations of four planes. Tank truck [ ] with an oval-shaped tank moved toward the field. [ ] 50X1-HUM

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15. On 23 and 24 March, no flights were made throughout the day because of bad weather. On 24 March, about 26 ground attack aircraft were parked on a large concrete apron in front of the closed hangars. Trucks [ ] passed through the gate of the field. The sentry posted at the gate wore red-bordered black epaulets.
16. On 26 March, ground attack aircraft practiced flying in elements of two and in squadron strength between 9 and 11 a.m. Then flying was discontinued because of rain. The AA gun emplacement on the western edge of the field was not in operation on days of observation. The guns were covered with tarpaulins.
17. On 30 March, about 50 single-engine and twin-engine aircraft were parked at the field. There was flying with the single-engine planes.

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[ ] Comments.

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- (4) [ ] the airfield is occupied by one ground attack regiment and one air reconnaissance regiment. The ground attack aircraft are IL-10s, the semi-high-wing mono-planes are TU-2s and the twin-engine low-wing monoplanes are PE-2s. [ ] the PE-2s with two cockpits are used as training planes with the trainer sitting in the rear cockpit.
- (5) The radio installation is an Adcock DF.
- (6) Voreshchinski was [ ] the Gds Colonel and commander of the 710th GA Regt.
- (7) [ ] Of the names mentioned, only Rapkin is known, who became a lieutenant colonel in January 1951.

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